It’s the Final Countdown for Summer Streetfest

The Friday Night Flicks movie series has ended, but not to worry, there’s one more event this Summer! The totally awesome 80’s All Stars will be the last performance for this year’s Streetfest concert series on Thursday, August 4th from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Relive the 80’s with music from Devo to Bon Jovi, Rick Springfield to Duran Duran, the band covers them all! Streetfest hosts food vendors, craft/business vendors, inflatable slides and obstacle courses. The Bellflower Recreation In Motion (B.R.I.M.) staff will set up games for all attendees to enjoy.

All summer events and parking are free to the public. There is plenty available parking in the new parking structure at Bellflower Blvd. and Mayne St. Charges for food and vendor pricing will vary. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and enjoy the warm summer night. No alcohol is allowed. For more information call (562) 804-1424, ext. 2261 or visit the City’s website at www.bellflower.org.

Meet Bellflower’s Public Safety Team at the Final Streetfest Concert

Cities across the nation will celebrate public safety at locally hosted National Night Out events. These events help promote neighborhood camaraderie and foster positive relationships with local deputies and first responders. This free family-friendly event will be hosted at the final Streetfest concert on Thursday, August 4th in Downtown Bellflower. For more information call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2530.

Due to reduced transmission and hospitalizations, LA County Public Health is not moving forward with universal indoor masking. Wearing masks in indoor public places is still strongly advised to slow the spread of COVID-19. It is important to note that indoor masking is already a required safety measure in many places, including at all healthcare settings, public transit and transit hubs, long-term care settings, shelters and cooling centers, and correctional facilities. Indoor masking also continues to be required at worksites with outbreaks, and is required for all individuals during the 10 days after a COVID diagnosis or exposure when they are around others.

Testing to know your status is strongly recommended if exposed, if symptomatic, and right before gathering with others, especially if indoors and when gathering with anyone at higher risk of severe illness should they get infected. Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order a 3rd round of free at-home tests. Order yours today. Visit www.covid.gov/tests Need help placing an order for your at-home tests? Call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489)
By August 31 Alcohol Servers & Managers Must Be Certified

The deadline for alcohol servers and their managers at over 56,000 businesses to meet mandatory training under a new law is rapidly approaching. The new law went into effect on July 1, 2022, and by August 31, 2022, every alcohol server and their managers must be trained under Assembly Bill 1221 and Assembly Bill 82.

AB 1221 defines an alcohol server as anyone that is employed at an ABC on-premises licensed establishment who is responsible for checking identifications, taking customer orders, and pouring or delivering alcoholic beverages.

Alcohol servers and their managers must have a valid Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) certification from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). Servers and their managers must pass an online ABC administered RBS exam by August 31st to be certified. If they are newly hired, they must pass the exam and be certified 60 days from the first date of employment.

For more information visit www.abc.ca.gov/education/rbs.

How to Grow Citrus Trees Disease-Free

If you’re considering putting a citrus tree on your property first be sure to get your plant from a reputable, licensed nursery in your area – and recognize you need to manage pests and diseases on your tree throughout its lifetime. To graft citrus onto an existing tree variety, get registered budwood that comes with source documentation. These best practices will make sure you don’t accidentally get a tree infected with Huanglongbing.

To grow healthy California citrus, follow these tips.

During the first year, apply water at the tree’s trunk. As the tree grows, water a larger area around the tree. Newly planted trees should be watered every three to seven days, and older trees can be watered every week or two.

Apply fertilizer, including nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, to soil throughout the year. Zinc or iron deficiencies can result in yellowing leaves, so monitor and apply a foliar spray of zinc or iron if needed.

Most citrus varieties do not require significant pruning. Lemons are the exception to the rule. Heavy pruning should not take place in winter as it will make trees susceptible to frost damage.

Inspect for the Asian citrus psyllid and Huanglongbing, and other pests and diseases, monthly or whenever watering, spraying or pruning trees. Pest and disease management is crucial to protect not just your own tree, but also your neighbors’ trees and the state’s citrus.

Control for ants on your citrus tree. Ants protect harmful pests like the Asian citrus psyllid. Place ant bait around citrus trees, and follow the product’s label instructions.

When harvesting fruit, clip the fruit off at the stem with sharp clippers. Remove leaves and stems, and wash fruit thoroughly to ensure no Asian citrus psyllids or Huanglongbing-infected plant material is spread. Obey quarantines in your area.

Huanglongbing affects all citrus plants, including orange, lemon, lime, mandarin, pomello, kumquat, grapefruit and tangerine trees. It also affects some relatives of citrus, like orange jasmine and curry leaves. If you have any of these plants in your yard, inspect them when trees have new leaf flush, or when tending trees. If you think you’ve found in the Asian citrus psyllid or Huanglongbing, call the statewide hotline at (800) 491-1899 or visit CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org.

Thank you to all donors who helped make the City of Bellflower’s Annual Blood Drive a success! Held on July 21, 2022, City Hall is proud to share that two (2) first time donors mustered up courage and participated; thirty-two (32) units of blood was collected, and sixty-six (66) lives were saved.

Way to go!
Town Center Plaza Events

The Bellflower Farmers Market has moved and added more variety to the vendor lineup! New farmers, food vendors and crafters have joined the new location which launched on June 6th at the Town Center Plaza (16521 Adenmoor Ave. Bellflower, CA 90706). The market is open on Mondays from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and any potential closures will be noted on the City’s website calendar at www.bellflower.org. To apply to become a vendor visit www.farmandcraftmarket.com/bellflower.

If you’re in the mood for some evening entertainment, be sure not to miss the Free Concert at Town Center Plaza presented by The Bellflower Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, August 20, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Remember to bring your lawn chair. No pets and alcohol permitted.

Apply Today to Earn Up to $1,180

Election Workers play an essential role in elections and in our democracy. They are trusted community members who assist the in-person voting experience throughout Los Angeles County.

Are you interested in serving your community? Apply to be an Election Worker with the County Registrar-Recorder Office. To become an Election Worker in Los Angeles County, you must be:

• 18 years of age or older (unless participating in the Student Election Worker Program)
• A U.S. citizen and registered to vote in California OR a Legal Permanent Resident
• Provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19
• Bilingual Election Workers are highly needed!

Benefits include earning $100 for each day served at the vote center and $80 for completing all training requirements. For more information visit www.lavote.gov.

Supports Local Business

Stop by the Bellflower Chamber of Commerce’s Office the last Tuesday of the month for easy conversation and breakfast goodies. This networking event serves as a great platform to learn about local small businesses and community projects.

Get to know Chamber President, Jeff Smith, and be sure to bring your business card to enter the event raffle. Get lucky and win Vice President Larry Wehage’s $50 raffle prize! The next scheduled Morning Mingle is Tuesday, August 30th from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. The office is located at 16730 Bellflower Boulevard, Suite A Bellflower, CA 90706. For questions about the event, or to join the Chamber of Commerce call (562) 867-1744 or visit www.bellflowerchamber.org.
People nationwide who are experiencing a mental health crisis and in need of immediate help are able to dial or text 988 and receive assistance through the new Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number.

Comprised of a national network of local crisis centers, 988 provides free, confidential, 24/7 support and resources to people experiencing or affected by a suicidal, mental health, and/or substance use crisis. Trained operators will triage callers to receive the appropriate services, including crisis counseling over the phone. They will also determine when dispatching a mobile crisis team is appropriate when safety is of concern. Callers can access this lifesaving service by simply calling or texting 988, or via online chat on their website www.988lifeline.org.